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Our Case No. 9281-3919  
Client Reference No. M US00023

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Osamu Ogiyama et al. )  
Serial No. To Be Assigned )  
Filing Date: Herewith )  
For: Image Forming Method Used for )  
Color Printer )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims**

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) An image forming method used for a color printer in which two gradation pattern images based on different two color input information are laid one over the other to record a color image, wherein two colors, namely a primary color for recording a first gradation pattern image and a secondary color for recording a second gradation pattern image to be recorded on [the] a primary color recorded-image, are selected from among a plurality of color inks, a first screen angle to be used for primary color recording